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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT PINS SHUM ES  
SUBJ: OCCUPATION OF RED CROSS OFFICE IN SAN SALVADOR CONTINUES

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2462

1. SAN SALVADOR OFFICE OF RED CROSS CONTINUES TO BE HELD BY "COMMITTEE OF SOLIDARITY WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DISAPPEARED PERSONS", WHICH OCCUPIED IT ON MAY 17 (SEE REFTEL). SINCE THEN, OCCUPANTS HAVE BROADCAST MUSIC AND SPEECHES OVER A PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM IN BUILDING. SALVADORAN RED CROSS OFFICIALS HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT THEY CANNOT ACT UNDER PRESSURE AND THAT THEY CAN DO NOTHING TO HELP THE OCCUPANTS, AMONG WHOM ARE TWO MOTHERS OF ALLEGED POLITICAL PRISONERS, WHILE THE OFFICE CONTINUES TO BE HELD. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, RAYMOND CHEVALEY, THE RED CROSS DELEGATE FOR LATIN AMERICA, HAS REFUSED TO COME TO EL SALVADOR TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION WHILE THE OFFICE REMAINS OCCUPIED.

2. PRESS REPORTS, EXCEPT FOR THE OPPOSITION "LA  
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CRONICA", HAVE TENDED TO DOWNPLAY THE OCCUPATION. ONE REPORT STATED THAT SUCH RECENT EVENTS AS THE MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING HAVE TENDED TO DRAW ATTENTION FROM THE RED CROSS OCCUPATION. EMBOFF, WHO PASSED BY BUILDING ON JUNE 2, NOTED THAT ONE OF TTE MOTHERS, SPEAKING ON PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM, WAS GETTING AN ATTENTIVE AUDIENCE FROM SOME PEDESTRIANS ON THE STREET (DESPITE THE RAINY

WEATHER) FOR HER ACCOUNT OF HOW HER ATTEMPTS TO HAVE  
HER CHILD RELEASED HAD BEEN FRUSTRATED BY THE AUTHORITIES.

3. COMMENT. MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING AND THE DEMAND BY FARN  
(THE GROUP APPARENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACT) FOR THE  
RELEASE OF SEVERAL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN EXCHANGE FOR MATSUMOTO  
HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY STOLEN MUCH OF THE THUNDER FROM "COMMITTEE OF  
SOLIDARITY WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DISAPPEARED PERSONS".  
NEVERTHELESS, THERE ARE AT PRESENT NO INDICATIONS THAT  
OCCUPATION OF RED CROSS OFFICE WILL END SOON.  
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